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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: MULTILAYER SOLE FOR :
SPORT SHOES :

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) Sole according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate layer [or rib] (9A) is constituted by a plurality of zones (9a, 9b, 9c) extending on either side of an axis torsion (X-x') whose stiffness values are different and suitably selected during manufacture as a function of the intended use of the shoe.

17. (Amended) Sole according to claim 1, wherein said rigid intermediate layer[, or rib] (9B) is constituted, at least in the metatarsal area, by a succession of rigid inserts (10)